REMARKS

Claims

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. The actions taken are in the interest of expediting prosecution. Moreover, the amendment or cancellation of claims herein is without prejudice to pursuing claims of different scope by way of continuing Application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the final office action, the Office Action indicates that claims 1-14 and 28-30 are allowed. Claims 15-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Razavi et al (US Patent No. 6,370,449) in view of Nathonson (US Publication 20020150050). The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the claims.

The Applicants have cancelled claims 15-27. This leaves claims 1-14 and 28-30, which are indicated as allowable in the final office action. The Applicants believe that the above amendment places this application in condition for allowance.

Therefore, the applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at (847) 576-5408.

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